





way and by their manner seem to say, 'This is a rare opportunity. Let us make the most of it, until that which in the morning was to tempt the palate of an epicure, at night, was enough to rouse the ire of the most homesick wife in the country. We would suggest to exhibitors, in the future, to bring their butter in dishes shallow enough to be put into the show-cases, and we hope those having the hall in charge, will guard against a repetition of such treatment.

In conclusion we would say to the good Farmer-wives of the county, go on as you have begun, be not weary in well doing, and provoke your husbands to bring from their fields and granaries, contributions that will compare with yours, so that instead of a peck of oats or barley, or wheat, or a half peck of beans, or peas, or a single squash, or pumpkin, we may have that which, in quantity and quality, may fair stand beside your well-filled jars of golden butter.

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MRS. CHARLES CARR.

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**Circulating Library.**  
An adjourned meeting of the Library Association, was held Monday evening, 19th inst., at the office of N. K. Sawyer, Esq. The Committee chosen at the last meeting to obtain additional shareholders reported encouraging success. They will continue to solicit more names. The prospect is good for making the Library far better than it has been since its early days. The Executive Committee were instructed to obtain a lease of the room under the Hall now being fitted up for the Masonic Lodge; (Office recently of J. C. Caldwell) for the Library. It is expected that the books will be removed very soon; a Librarian and Treasurer appointed, and the Library opened to the public for renting books every Saturday afternoon and evening, and perhaps on other days. It is hoped that the Institution will grow to include also a Reading Room. The Reviews and Monthlys, some of them, will be purchased and as soon as may be practicable, the Library will be opened every evening to the members of the association for reading.

A course of Lectures and Readings for this winter is proposed, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, the tickets will be offered for sale. The course to begin early in December. This community ought to give a hearty support to the course of Lectures and thereby add to the funds of the Library. In our long winter season we need the profit and enjoyment of good literary entertainment. If this place were possessed of even moderate ambition a commodious Town Hall would be erected without delay.

In behalf of the Association,  
Wm. H. Savary, Secretary.

Our readers will bear in mind that Dr. C. L. Lightfoot has become so eminently skillful in treating and curing Deafness, Catarrh, and the various diseases of the eye, ear, throat and lungs, will visit this place, stopping at the Ellsworth House, Ellsworth, for three days only, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 28th, 29th and 30th, and as other engagements positively prevent his visiting for some time, any point East of Augusta, (his present headquarters) it is advisable that those afflicted with any of the above diseases, avail themselves of this opportunity to consult him.

Dr. Lightfoot will be seen by our "Extra" (containing Testimonials from many of the first citizens of Maine, as also the endorsement of the leading papers of the State), which we endorse to our subscribers of this locality, is to be at the Narragansett House, Cherryfield, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25th, 26th and 27th; and will be at the Ellsworth House, Ellsworth, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 28th, 29th and 30th.

The following came to us by mail. We are always glad to get such items, and must insist on having the name of the writer.

Launched from the yard of Simon Allen of No. Brooksfield, Nov. 12th, a splendid schooner of 225 tons, O.M., called the John Lyburner, owned by Capt. Orrell and John Lyburner, and others of Brooksfield, and parties of Bangor. Built by Gilbert H. Grindle, master carpenter. The joiner work done by R. W. Walker; Blacksmithing by Wm. N. Hill of Belfast; Rigging by Geo. Roberts of Penobscot, and the painting by Henry J. Eldridge of Surry. In beauty of model, superiority of material and workmanship, the John Lyburner is decidedly the best vessel ever built in Brooksfield, and will rank second to none in the State. She is designed for the southern and West India trade, to be commanded by Capt. Chas. Orrell of Brooksfield.

**REASONABLE.**—Sam Brown, Jerry Down, and Salem Towns, send us 50 cts. or \$1.00, for the privilege of a request to "stop" the paper when the time paid for expires. Every week we have just such notices. Now we cannot remember all these requests, and a reasonable person would not expect us to do so. Neither can we read over all the names of our subscribers, and each week of all that have not paid in advance. We have not the time, and cannot afford to hire a clerk to do this work. We often meet a person in the street and he requests us to send a paper to some friend in the West, or to change the direction of a paper, or to stop one &c., and before we get to the office it may be an hour or so, and in that time we have to have decided on the change; and how is it to be expected that we can carry all these little details in our heads to the way to stop a paper, is to order it stopped, either at the office, or by letter, and just at the time when you wanted it done. If you want your paper stopped, say so, and sign your name to the letter and tell where the paper has been sent. If you want the direction changed, say to what Post Office it is now sent, as well where to be sent.

Most every one thinks that it is a hard thing to stop a newspaper. It is not if you do not care anything for it in the Post Office nor move away and leave a balance against you.

**UNNECESSARY DISPUTING.**—Some people are bothering their heads and their neighbors about the question of paying off the 20 bonds, whether in greenback or gold. It is a pretty question to start theories about if it had got to be done tomorrow. But what fact is that no change; and how is it to be expected that we can carry all these little details in our heads to the way to stop a paper, is to order it stopped, either at the office, or by letter, and just at the time when you wanted it done. If you want your paper stopped, say so, and sign your name to the letter and tell where the paper has been sent. If you want the direction changed, say to what Post Office it is now sent, as well where to be sent.

There is more practical sense in the above than in a whole column of discussion about our legal obligations. The fact is, that soon the national will return to specie payment, and every dollar of the government debt will be paid, when due in specie or its equivalent. The discussion as to whether the bonds will be paid in gold or specie, and is started to make political capital.

**THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN IOWA.**—The Dubuque Times says: In the West we do these things different, and we carry out our system better than Iowa as a bright example and one that will do them good to copy after. Here, instead of running to the bottom, we have a larger majority than Merrill, the Republican candidate for Governor, than was ever before given to any man for that office.

—Rev Robert G. Chase, the Episcopal clergyman from Philadelphia, who was last summer at Mount Desert, had the pleasure to the amount of \$1,000, a policy of \$10,000 being the gift of his people.

**WRECK OF THE WORLD.**—The London Lloyd's have issued a table showing the number of wrecks throughout the world for the first half of 1867. The table shows that 1,022 ships and 31 steamers were totally lost, while the number of lives lost, so far as is known, was 85.

**Boston Correspondence.**  
Boston, Nov. 18, 1867.  
Mr. Editor:—Ristori, the queen actress of the world, has just finished a short engagement at the Boston Theatre. The audiences have been small, chiefly because of the high prices of admission. There are few except the more wealthy who can afford to pay two dollars and two dollars and a half, for an evening's entertainment. Besides, the performers all speak only their native language, the Italian. So that the spectator who would understand the plot, must spend the evening assistfully consulting the English translation, reading himself with such occasional glimpses of the stage, as the time affords. Ristori was born in Italy, in 1821, and has followed the stage from infancy, appearing before the public—her parents being provincial actors, at the age of two months. In 1847 she married an Italian marquis, and for a while retired from her profession. But after a short interval, her fondness for the stage led her to appear again, and since 1849 she has acted in many of the principal cities of Europe, and everywhere without a rival. Her stage wardrobe is said to be large and more expensive than that of any royal personage living.

Charles Dickens is on his way to this country in the Cuba, and is advertised to commence readings in this city on Monday, Dec. 2d. It will be a rare treat to see and hear the man who is, without doubt, the most popular of living writers. A few months more than a quarter of a century has gone by, since Mr. Dickens visited America, then, as now, landing in Boston. He was then comparatively a young man, and has since rounded out a reputation which was then only in the bud. He has since written many of his best works, and created a multitude of original characters, whose wise and witty sayings are household words.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Dickens will do something in his American travels, which will merit the approval of his countrymen. Another volume of "American Notes" after a lapse of twenty five years ought to contain some records of improvement and growth. But are we as a Nation, any more "steady" than we were then. Is there more refinement, a higher culture, better morals, a broader development? Is there less assumption, parade, ostentation? If there are changes for the better, Mr. Dickens will note them, and we shall hear all about it when he gets back to his study at home.

The sale of tickets to his readings began this morning at Ticknor and Fields book-store on Tremont Street. The rush was so great that the store had to be closed, and a squad of policemen detailed to prevent disorder. All day long a jolly jostling crowd has laid siege to the store, and at nightfall they were still coming. As the Yankees never do anything by halves, Mr. Dickens will have a reception which will not astonish, but must certainly gratify him.

We ran wild over the Prince of Wales, who is a worthless and dissolute fellow, if report speaks truly. Here is a man who boasts no royal lineage, but whose Letters Patent of nobility are spread broadcast wherever the English language is read. We may be pardoned a little excitement over the rich banquet just before us.

The Suffolk Temperance Union have issued an address to the people of the State, recounting the evils to be apprehended in the present distracted condition of the public mind, in relation to the liquor question. Whatever doubts may exist in men's minds, as to the expediency of this law or that, there is no question about the poverty, disease and crime which intemperance causes. Whatever the law, there is always room for intelligent and earnest laborers in this noblest of reforms. And now when the assaults of the rum power are erring every intrenchment devised for the safety of society, there is a bugle call to every man, to wage war with all the powers which God has given him, against the monster iniquity of the age. What the law cannot do, example, persuasion and argument must. These are conservative forces and in the long run will always win.

**THE DEMOCRATS.**—As will be seen by a Washington despatch in another column, are trying to get an available candidate for President, and at a private meeting of leading men in a Washington hotel, yesterday, were made to cover the special obligations of their presence, and to allow the idea to remain that no unusual significance could thereby be attached to the assembly.

The truth, however, has leaked out, and it will cause commotion among them when their real designs are made public. Yesterday, by previous understanding, they met in secret, in a room at one of the principal hotels, in a session of several hours' duration, discussed with much ardor, the pro and con of the most available man for the Democratic nomination, and hence, the necessity of nominating a military man. The names of Horatio Seymour, of New York, and George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, mentioned by the speakers, and the masses of the people, on account of their financial views, than with any other. But the majority of those present thought it would be better to sacrifice the idea of power, and to nominate a man who could not be expected to carry out his promises. Other business was transacted, but the nature of which your correspondent could not ascertain. The entire affair was intended to be kept secret, it being not merely a formal, but a private convention of the friends of the party who desired to know how to arrange and carry on the coming political fight.

**SCOTT.**

The Times' special says the President is said to be much displeased with the evidence given before the Judiciary Committee by Commissioner Rollins, but it is not known how he came in possession of the evidence. Gen. Sheridan will soon be examined by the Judiciary Committee relative to impeachment matters. Speaker Colfax has arrived, and says he has not prepared any list of committees. The Reconstruction Committee has resumed investigations into the Treasury Department affairs.

The World's special says Hon. Edmund Cooper, of Tennessee, was yesterday arrested by Gen. Sherman's troops at Washington, and is being held at the residence of the Treasury, vice Chandler resigned.

Mr. Stephens will introduce a bill to Congress directing Texas into two more States. Commissioner Rollins will probably be removed from office.

The President will soon order Gens. Howard and Gregory to be mustered out, they being the two last volunteer Major Generals.

The Southern radicals will hold a convention in Washington February 22d. Judge Chase will certainly be present at the trial of Jeff. Davis.

The Herald's special says it is reported that Gen. Sherman is coming to Washington to occupy the position of General-in-Chief while Grant acts as Secretary of War.

**A Proclamation.**  
FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER.

In the spirit of those who laid the foundation of this State in the faith and praise of God, and in devout recognition of the Supreme Ruler of men and Giver of good, I do hereby, with a heart full of gratitude, proclaim a day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed on Thursday, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer.

And I call upon







